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September 30, 1966

Mr. Raymond L. Sisha  
Vice President - Operations  
Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company  
908 W. Broadway  
Louisville, Kentucky 40201

Re: Louisville & Nashville Railway  
Radnor Yards  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sisha:

Attached is a copy of a letter that we sent to Mr. J. B. Clark, Chief Engineer, Louisville & Nashville Railway Company on August 14, 1966. We have not received a reply.

I have reviewed the files on the waste from the Radnor Yards. The waste oil and diesel fuel waste were formerly discharged into Brown's Creek. This created such a nuisance for the entire length of Brown's Creek that a pond was built by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company in 1965 to retain the waste. It was found at that time that the pond was leaking underground.

Prior to March, 1966, the leak was partially stopped, however, the pond was not overflowing. Prior to September 1, 1966, complaints were received that oil waste was appearing in a private water supply located on the property of Miss Margaret Croft, 3725 Nolensville Road. Recommendations were made that consulting engineers be employed to study this problem and prepare plans and specifications for adequate waste disposal facilities.

The problem has continued. Samples of the spring water were collected and samples of your waste pond were collected and analyzed by the laboratory of the Tennessee Department of Public Health. These show that the primary composition of the two samples is essentially the same and in our opinion there is a connection underground between the pond and the spring.

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The owner of the spring cannot use the water for domestic purposes or for water for a herd of cattle.

The Permit which was issued on March 4, 1966, for the discharge of the industrial waste following treatment into a tributary of Brown's Creek is hereby cancelled because the terms of the Permit have not been complied with.

We, also, are recommending that the Stream Pollution Control Board issue a Notice of Hearing to the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, Radnor Yards, Nashville, for the discharge of oil and diesel fuel waste underground and damaging a spring water supply and also causing water pollution in the stream into which the spring flows.

The Stream Pollution Control Board is scheduled to meet during November, 1966, in Nashville and the Notice of Hearing will be sent to you and the company as soon as the schedule is set for the meeting.

Sincerely,

S. Leary Jones, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Stream Pollution Control Board

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Enclosure

CC: Metro Health Department, Nashville  
Attention: Mr. Dick Thompson  
CC: Mr. J. B. Clark, L & N Railroad, Louisville  
CC: Mr. D. M. Wear, L & N Railroad, Nashville  
CC: Mr. Hayes Cooney, Assistant Attorney General